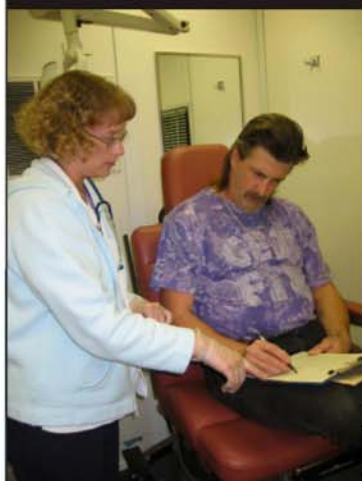


PARTNERSHIPS

FISCAL YEAR 2002-2003



The Grapevine Project

The Lancaster County Medical Society and the Lincoln-Lancaster County Health Department collaborate on the Grapevine Project. The Grapevine Project provided over 2000 prescription medications to needy individuals last year. Marilyn Keller, medication assistance coordinator, at the Lancaster County Medical Society enrolls eligible individuals into the program. The Grapevine Project receives major funding from the Community Health Endowment of Lincoln.

Mobile Health Clinic

The Dental Health Division collaborated with the Divisions of Health Promotion and Outreach and Community Health Services to provide oral health education and health services on the Mobile Health Clinic targeting: diabetes, cardiovascular disease and women's health issues. Community partnerships included: ALPS Food Store, Easterday Recreation Center, F Street Community Center, Good Neighbor Center, Indian Village Shopping Center, Klein's Market, Lincoln Indian Center, Malone Center, National Pharmacy, Russ's Market in Havelock, Salvation Army, Stinson's Ace Hardware, SunMart Foods, Walgreen's, and Zion PCA Church.



*In 2003, 116 site visits
and 1,025 individuals seen.*

2002-2003 Peoples' Health Center Steering Committee

Steering Committee members include Joan Anderson, Wende Baker, Beatty Brasch, Nathalie Buhendwa, Kathy Cook, Amber Falldorf, Chris Fantroy, Kevin Flores, Mary Jo Gillespie, Mike Gray, Judy Halstead, Topher Hansen, Muammal Jaafar, Kathy Karsting, Charlotte Liggett, Pat Lopez, Marilyn McGary, Gwendy Meginnis, Michael Molvar, Van Nguyen, DeLayne Peck, Oscar Rios Pohireth, Tom Rauner, Tanya Reiley, Brad Sher, Shalma Shakir, Sheryl Skinner and Katie Voorhees.

In June 2003, after 15 months of work by Steering Committee members, representing consumers and a variety of healthcare organizations, an annual federal grant award of \$650,000 was approved to develop a new clinic at 1021 N 27th Street (27th and Y). These grant dollars, together with over \$1,000,000 raised through local funders (the largest contributions came from the Community Health Endowment, BryanLGH Health System, and St Elizabeth Regional Medical Center) made the Peoples' Health Center a reality for Lincoln and Lancaster County. The purpose of the Peoples' Health Center is to provide comprehensive health care (including medical and dental services) based on a sliding fee scale to anyone who needs care, regardless of their ability to pay, or insurance status. The Health Center opened on September 30, 2003. The Health Center employs its own Executive Director and all of its own clinical staff; it is operated as a non-profit center governed by a community Board of Directors. On November 25, 2003, Congressman Doug Bereuter announced the approval of an additional \$693,000 for the Health Center to expand. The new funding will allow the Health Center to add dental and medical exam rooms, behavioral health, health education, and conference room space in 2004. Thank you to the nearly 200 people who worked tirelessly on this project to make it happen!



**Our Public Health Partners
Reach Out To All Populations
Through a Variety of
Diverse Programs and Services**

Lincoln Plating Receives Platinum Well Workplace Award



Lincoln Plating was recognized for being one of only 12 workplaces nationwide to be awarded the Platinum Well Workplace Award from WorkWell and the Wellness Councils of America. This award is only given to companies that can demonstrate positive financial results from their wellness program and a strong connection between their wellness programs and their corporate strategic plans. Lincoln has been designated as a "Well City, U.S.A." since the fall of 2000. That designation requires that at least 20 percent of the City's employees work in businesses that qualify as Well Workplaces. Currently, 33 businesses in Lincoln have achieved the status of bronze, silver or gold Well Workplaces.

The 10 Most Common Causes of Infection



WASH YOUR HANDS

**Handwashing is the Most Effective Way
to Stop the Spread of Illness**

Food Safety is in Your Hands

The Health Department and UNL Cooperative Extension in Lancaster County worked together to greatly increase the reach of food safety education in our community. In addition to mandatory classes for all food handlers, which reached over 11,000 people this past year, simple food safety education messages, such as wash your hands before handling food or eating and cooling foods quickly to reduce food borne illness. The Food Advisory Committee, which includes both restauranteers and public spirited citizens, provides guidance and counsel to the LLCHD.